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FORMER
GREENBRIER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
INDICTED FOR FRAUD

SAVANNAH: Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today the return of an indictment on June 6, 2003 by the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah against **Theresa Burroughs Jenkins**.

The four (4) count federal indictment charges Jenkins with violations of Theft from Program Receiving Federal Assistance, Mail Fraud, and Bank Fraud.

The indictment of Jenkins is a culmination of an investigation into financial irregularities at the Greenbrier Children Center, an orphanage in Savannah which receives federal funding. The indictment alleges that Jenkins, Greenbrier's Director of Finance until earlier this year, defrauded Greenbrier of approximately \$200,000 during a two year period, from January, 2001 through January, 2003. It is alleged in the indictment that Jenkins made unauthorized charges for personal expenditures and purchases on Greenbrier's American Express card, including purchases of a heating and air-conditioning unit for Jenkins' home, custom wheels for Jenkins' car and sound equipment for Jenkins' music production company. The indictment further alleges that Jenkins fraudulently obtained forged checks from Greenbrier's SunTrust account, which she then negotiated or deposited into bank accounts controlled by her, for her own use and benefit.

Count One, which charges a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666 (Theft from program Receiving Federal Funds), the maximum statutory penalties include: not more than ten (10) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years supervised release. Count Two, which charges a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (Mail Fraud), the maximum statutory penalties include: not more than twenty (20) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years supervised release. Count Three, which charges a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Bank Fraud), the maximum statutory penalties include: not more than thirty (30) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$1,000,000; and, not more than five (5) years supervised release. Additionally, in Count Four the United States seeks to forfeit from Jenkins over \$200,000 in currency and property traceable to Jenkins' alleged fraudulent scheme.

Mr. Thompson stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The Defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by both the United States Secret Service and the Savannah Police Department.

The Government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Durham of Savannah.

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